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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
December 4, 2008:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed December 8, 2008.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None.
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1, 19.
3. Identification of art discussed: US Patent 4,913,305 to Hanafusa et al.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: None.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Hanafusa et al. does not disclose, teach, or fairly suggest all the features of the independent claims, especially the location of the curvature center (claim 1) or the use of variations in the cut line (claim 19).

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: None.

7. Results of Interview: Examiner suggested amending claim 1 to define that the rivet is the curvature center, and suggested amending claim 19 to define that the variations in the cut line are present prior to operation of the ring tab, as distinguishing the claims from the cited art. Examiner also suggested amending claim 1 to define that the punching vertex remains on the breakage segment after an accidental rotation of the ring tab on the breakage segment, to clarify the claim language.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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